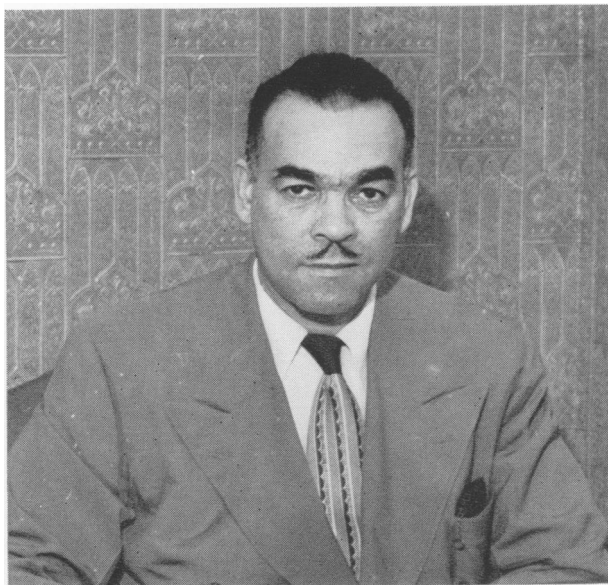


## THE PRESIDENT-ELECT



DR. WHITTIER CINCLAIR ATKINSON, medical director of the Clement Atkinson Memorial Hospital, Coatesville, Pa., who was named by unanimous ballot, president-elect of the National Medical Association, at the fifty-sixth annual convention of the Association in Philadelphia, Pa., August 20-24, 1951. Dr. Atkinson was born April 23, 1893, in Brunswick, Ga., the son of Clement and Mary (Miller) Atkinson. He received the B.S. from Howard University in 1922 and the M.D. from the same institution in 1925. After one year in general practice in Washington, D.C., he moved to Coatesville in 1927, where he has since resided and where his professional career has centered. In 1937 he established the thirty bed hospital which he now heads as medical director and chairman of the board of directors. In 1931 he founded the Progressive League of Coatesville and serves today as president of this organization. In his home city he is also chairman of the Recreation Council and a member of the board of the Interracial Committee.

Dr. Atkinson is a past president of the Philadelphia Academy of Medicine and Allied Sciences, chairman of the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania State Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association and a member of the board of directors of the Southeastern Chapter of the Pennsylvania Academy of General Practice. He is a member of the Chester County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the American Academy of General Practice. He is also medical director of Mt. Vernon Lodge of the I.B.P.O.E.W., a past president of the Pan Hellenic Assembly of Chester, Pa., a member of the General Alumni Council of Howard University, a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and a thirty-third degree Mason.

In 1945 Dr. Atkinson married Miss Alice F. Johnson of Philadelphia. They have one son, Whittier C., Jr.

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### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN—Continued

The cost of medical education in this country is such that no single student should regard himself as having paid totally for the training necessary fitting him to be skilled in the science of medicine. The cost of such education has been supplemented by private philanthropic, federal, state and municipal aid. I would beseech you, therefore, to continue to be a contributing part of private resources, yet not totally scorn federal, state and municipal assistance to medical education.

The National Foundation for Medical Education is a step in the right direction to solve a pressing need. We

should share and share alike in the development of this timely and important fund. The National Medical Association should appropriate funds for its support. These funds may be earmarked or allocated to any institution of choice. It is regrettable, however, that neither on the Board of Directors of the National Fund for Medical Education nor its Advisory Council is there listed a single Negro physician to aid in the planning of such a vast and vital program. I feel that these facts bespeak a deplorable situation, suggestive of a pattern of non-liberal representation.